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Dr. Leidy read a paper from Mr. J. W. Dawson, of Pictou, N. S., entitled "On Fossil Coniferous wood from Prince Edward's Island;" which was referred to Dr. Leidy, Mr. Foulke and Mr. Isaac Lea.

Mr. Cassin presented a paper from W. Dudley, Esq., of Madison, Wisconsin, describing a species of Crane found in Wisconsin, and presumed to be new; which was referred to Mr. Cassin, Col. McCall and Dr. Wilson.

Mr. Cassin also presented two papers from Dr. Alfred T. King, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, severally entitled "Description of fossil trees found in the Coal Rocks near Greensburg, Pa.," and "Description of a fossil Fruit found in the carboniferous rocks of Beaver Co., Penn.;" both of which were referred to Mr. Cassin, Mr. Aubrey H. Smith and Dr. Bridges.

Dr. Leidy exhibited drawings representing lateral and inferior views of the restored skull of Oreodon Culbertsonii, from the Eocene of Nebraska.

April 18th.

WM. PARKER FOULKE, Esq., in the Chair.

A letter was read from Dr. Charles Enderlin, of New York, dated 31st March, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

A letter was also read from the Lyceum of Nat. History of New York, dated April 4th, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of late Nos. of the Proceedings.

Mr. Cassin presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Notes on Birds observed in Texas, and in the States of Neuva Leon, Tamaulipas and Coahuila, Mexico, with descriptions of new species; by D. N. Couch, U. S. Army." Referred to Dr. Le Conte, Mr. Cassin and Col. McCall.

Dr. Leidy exhibited a specimen of the restored upper jaw of the Titanotherium Proutii, of Nebraska.

April 25th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

The Committees to which were referred papers, read April 4th by Dr. Le Conte and Prof. S. F. Baird; April 11th, by Mr. J. W. Dawson, of Pictou, N. S.; by Mr. Wm. Dudley, of Madison, Wisconsin; by Dr. Alfred T. King, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; April 18th, by Lieut. D. N. Couch, U. S. A., severally reported in favor of publication in the Proceedings.

Synopsis of the species of Platynus and allied genera, inhabiting the United States.

By JOHN L. LE CONTE, M. D.

The species of the small group of Carabica, herein examined, are quite frequently so closely related, as to be with difficulty separated; some synonymy too has been produced by the want of sufficient bibliographical knowledge on the part of those who have investigated these genera. To lessen in some degree